

grams and activities to develop in a proper manner the State's natural resources and economic opportunities and to promote and encourage the location of new industries and businesses in the State of Maryland as well as encouraging the expansion of existing industries and other matters intended to foster and develop gainful employment and the pursuit of happiness of all who now are or who may hereafter be residents of this State.

(b) To [carry] advise and assist in carrying out fully and effectively all the provisions of this [subtitle] subheading, the advisory powers and duties of the [Department] Division of Economic Development shall vest in and be exercised by a [State Commission of Economic Development] *Maryland Economic Development Advisory Commission*, to consist of twelve members who shall be appointed by the *Secretary of Economic and Community Development*, with the approval of the Governor. [, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate]

The members shall represent a cross section of the economic and geographic composition of the State, and shall be selected because of their known experience and interest in the development of natural resources and industrial and tourist opportunities from the following areas of the State:

Two members from counties comprising the Eastern Shore; two members from the counties comprising southern Maryland; two members from the counties comprising central Maryland; two members from the counties comprising western Maryland; two members from Baltimore City; and two members appointed from the State at large.

The Commissioners shall serve without compensation for their duties, but shall be reimbursed for necessary travel and other expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. [The first members of the Commission shall be appointed for terms as follows: Three members shall be appointed for terms of one year each; three members shall be appointed for terms of two years each; three members shall be appointed for terms of four years each; and three members shall be appointed for terms of six years each or until their successors are appointed and qualified. As the] *The terms of the Commissioners [initially appointed expire their successors] shall be [appointed each for a term of] six years, or until their successors are appointed and qualified. Commissioners shall be eligible for reappointment. Upon the death, disability, resignation, or removal of any Commissioner, the Secretary of Economic and Community Development, with the approval of the Governor, shall appoint a person to serve for the unexpired term. From time to time the Secretary of Economic and Community Development, with the approval of the Governor, shall designate one member of the Commission as chairman, who shall hold such office at the pleasure of the [Governor] Secretary of Economic and Community Development.*

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The *Secretary of Economic and Community Development, with the approval of the Governor*, [upon the recommendation of the Commission,] shall appoint a Director of the [Department] Division of Economic Development. The position of Director shall not be subject to the provisions of Article 64A of this Code, but once